Implementation of the Recommendation of the Bombay High Review Committee

1176. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a shortfall of one million tonnes of indigenous crude oil production during the first ten months of 1992-93;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government have directed the ONGC to implement the recommendations of the Bombay High Review Committee; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA) : (a) and (b) During, first ten months of the year 1992-93 the actual production of crude oil was 22.696 million tonnes against the target of 23.762 million tonnes. The reasons for shortfall in production include less base potential at the beginning of the year, power shut downs; reservoir constraints, and less gain from new development wells, etc.

(c) and (d) The recommendations of the Bombay High Review Committee were conveyed to ONGC for implementation with the general guidelines that they should maximise indigenous production of crude oil with due regard to the health of the reservoir, and that they are expected to adopt practices/ variants which are best suited to achieve this policy objective.

1177. *[Transferred to 11th May,* 1993

तेल और प्राकृतिक गैस आयोग के अंतर्गत कार्यरत अधिकारियों द्वारा नियमों का उल्लंघन

1178. श्री राम जेठमलानी : क्या पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि तेल और प्राकृतिक गैस आयोग के अंतर्गत कार्यरत कतिपय अधिकारियों ने विहित नियमों का उल्लंघन करते हुए एक विदेशी संस्थान को पिछले कुछ महीनों में 89.06 लाख रुपए का भुगतान किया था ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि उन अधिकारियों के विरुद्ध विभागीय जांच चल रही होने के बावजूद उन्हें सेवा-निवृत्त कर दिया गया था; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो परिस्थितियों को अनदेखा करके संदिग्ध अधिकारियों को सभी आरोपों से मुक्त करने वाले अधिकारियों के नाम और पदनाम क्या हैं ?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (कैप्टन सतीश शर्मा) : पिछले कुछ महीनों में तेल और प्राकृतिक गैस आयोग ने किसी विदेशी संस्थान को 89.06 लाख रुपए का भुगतान नहीं किया है ।

(ख) से (घ) प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता ।

Supply of Crude Oil to Barauni Oil Refinery

1179. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Barauni Oil Refinery in Bihar is not getting enough crude oil which has affected its production of petroleum products adversely;

(b) if so, what are the details and reasons therefore;

(c) how much crude oil was supplied to the refinery during the last three year, year-wise; and

(d) what action Government propose to take to ensure the full supply of crude oil to Barauni Oil Refinery ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA) : (a) to (d) The installed capacity of Barauni Refinery is 3.3 million tonnes per annum. The quantity of crude oil refined year-wise is as follows :—

(Figs. in million tonnes)

Year	Crude processed
1990-91	2.42
1991-92	2.26
1992-93	2.29 (Provisional)

There has been an unutilise refining capacity because of short supply of crude oil from North-East. For augmenting supply of crude oil to Barauni Refinery, IOC has submitted a proposal for lying of a crude pipeline from Haldia to Barauni.

Availability of Natural Gas in Western Offshore

1180. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be plesed to state :

(a) what is the total availability of Natural Gas in the country;

(b) what is the availability of Natural Gas in Western Offshore and what is its supply to URAN :

(c) what is the progress in creating second gas terminal at USAR;

(d) by when it will be created; and

(e) what is the demand for Natural Gas from Maharashtra and how much quantity has been supplied ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA) : (a) Approximately 18250 MMSCM of gas was produced in the country in the year 1992-93.

(b) Approximately 13400 MMSCM of gas was produced in the Western Offshore Region and the supplies ex-URAN, were approximately 3850 MMSCM during the year 1992-93.

(c) and (d) The concept of a pipeline from the Western Offshore to the Southern region with a suitable landfall point on the western coast has been approved in principle. Time schedule for implementation will be firmed up only when the concept has been projectised.

(e) Approximately 10 MMSCMD of gas is currently being supplied to units located in Maharashtra which by and large matches the requirements of these units.

Crude Oil Production Cost

1181. DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Oil and Natural Gas Commission's cost of crude oil production has been below the international standards, if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) whether oil production per employees is very low as compared to other oil producing countries; if so, what are the reasons thereof; and